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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) The present headquarters of Udayarpalayam taluk of Tiruchirappalli district is Jayankondan.

" (b) There is no proposal with the Government for the bifurcation of Udayarpalayam taluk into Jayankondan and Ariyalur taluks."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" In view of the fact that the name is misleading, will the Government consider the advisability of either shifting the headquarters to Udayarpalayam or altering the name of the taluk as Jayankondan taluk?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I take it that the hon. Member wants to change the name. It will be considered."

Representations from the peasants of Tiruturaipundi taluk.

* 361 Q.—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether any representations from the landless poor peasantry of Musaveli Jambhavanodai village in Tiruturaipundi taluk were received by the Government regarding the allotment of lands in their possession to ex-servicemen; and if so, what action was taken on it?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Yes, Sir. A very Senior Officer of the Revenue Department has been deputed to go into the question of allotting the same or fresh lands to the landless poor persons and his report is awaited."

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH:—" ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து பறிமுதல் செய்யப்பட்ட நிலங்களை மீண்டும் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" It is only to examine this aspect that a senior officer has been deputed, and the Government will take action on receipt of his report."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" As many of the peasants who were formerly enjoying the land offered *satyagraha* and were arrested, will the Government return to them the lands which were in their possession?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I am told that all those who were involved in that movement were released and that there is nobody in jail at the present moment. So far as giving of the same land or fresh land to the Harijans is concerned, the matter is being examined."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI:—" In view of the fact that these Harijans were cultivating the waste lands for the last four years, why was it thought necessary to take away the lands from them?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" As the hon. Member knows, this is a part of a scheme of settlement of ex-soldiers which the Government of India desired. An extent of 1,300 acres in Musaveli Jambhavanodai village was selected. It is true that in the course of the allotment of land, some

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landless poor were asked to vacate their land and alternative sites were suggested. As a protest there was some agitation, and it has stopped now. We are now examining the question."

Sri P. Ramamurthi:—" Is it not a fact that the waste lands which were cultivated by rich mirasdars of the village like Mr. Samikoora Thevar and his brother Mr. Rathina Thevar, who happen to be members of the District Congress Committee and Congress members of the District Board, were not touched at all but that only the lands of the landless Harijans were taken? Will the Government be pleased to explain why they did not touch the lands of mirasdars?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I require notice. I wish the Leader of the Opposition puts a separate question."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI:—" If, on examination it is found that the lands occupied by these mirasdars were not touched, will the Government take steps to take away their lands and give them to Harijans?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" This question is purely hypothetical. I should like the hon. Leader of the Opposition to put a specific question and I will answer it."

Sri A. K. SUBBIAH:—" இம்மாதிரியான சம்பவங்கள் எதிர் காலத்தில் நடக்காமல் இருப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்திரவாதம் அளிக்குமா ?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I am afraid I cannot answer the question. I would like him to put the question to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" When do the Government expect the Senior Officer to complete his work and what is the work that he has done so far?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I think he was deputed in December 1952. As regards the latter part of the question, I require notice."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI:—" Since what time has the Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao taken over the portfolio of Land Revenue, since he is answering this question?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" This is a question relating to the settlement of ex-servicemen, which subject comes under my portfolio, and that is why this question has been answered by me."

Sri D. LAKSHMAIAH:—" మిరాశీదార్లు ధనికవాళ్ళా ? లేక భూములులేని వారనా వారిని వదలి సన్నరైతులనుంచి భూములు స్వాధీనం చేసుకున్నారు ?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I think the allegation is that rich men are permitted to retain their lands and poor men are deprived of their lands. I deny the allegation."